



## **HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Houston Firefighters to Canvass Southwest Houston Apartment Complex**

**WHAT:** The Houston Fire Department will talk with citizens and distribute safety information during a canvassing effort in the apartment complex that suffered a major fire this past Monday, April 21, 2008.

**WHEN:** Today, April 23, 2008, starting at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. James Place Apartments, 9109 Fondren (Key Map 530V)

**DETAILS:** In an effort to prevent such tragedies and to encourage fire safety, members of the Houston Fire Department will be distributing safety information and talking with residents the apartment complex which suffered from a 2- alarm fire during the afternoon on April 21, 2008.

There were no reported injuries, however four apartment units had fire damage and four suffered from water and smoke damage.

When it comes to smoke alarms, silence can be deadly. National and local statistics reflect this deadly silence with more than 50 percent of all residential fatal fires not having a working smoke alarm.

Non-working smoke detectors rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of nonworking smoke detectors is worn or missing batteries.